

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A nail varnish having a metallic and multicolored iridescent appearance, said nail varnish comprising a liquid phase, at least one film-forming component, a PVD aluminum pigment and at least one of a plasticizer and a dispersing agent and a PVD aluminum pigment, wherein said PVD aluminum pigment has diffractive structures containing from approximately 5,000 to approximately 20,000 structural elements per cm and a metallic aluminum content of from 90 to 100% by weight, based on the weight of the aluminum pigment, and is present in the nail varnish at a pigmentation level of from 0.05 to 5.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the nail varnish, wherein the pigment has a low or non-existent tendency toward agglomeration within said nail varnish, and wherein the nail varnish also comprises a solvent in an amount of from 50% to 90% by weight, based on the total weight of the nail varnish, and with the proviso that the nail varnish does not include pearl luster pigments.

2. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said aluminum pigment has from approximately 7,000 to approximately 15,000 structural elements per cm.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said film forming component comprises cellulose nitrate having a molecular weight of more than 56,000 g/mol.

6. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said film-forming component comprises cellulose nitrate.
  7. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said film-forming component comprises cellulose acetate butyrate having a molecular weight of more than 83,000 g/mol.
  8. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said liquid phase is an organic solvent.
- Claim 9 (Canceled).
10. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said nail varnish contains, as plasticizer, at least dibutyl phthalate, optionally together with saccharose acetate isobutyrate.
  11. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that said nail varnish contains, as dispersing agent, at least one of bentonites and polymeric urea.
  12. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the aluminum pigment is present at a pigmentation level of from 0.1 % to 2.0 % by weight.

13. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1,  
characterized in that  
said nail varnish additionally contains at least one coloring agent.

14. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 13,  
characterized in that  
said coloring agent is at least one of a colored pigment and a dye.

15. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1,  
characterized in that  
said diffractive structures are a reflection grating.

16. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1,  
characterized in that  
said PVD aluminum pigment has a layer thickness of from approximately 20 nm to  
approximately 140 nm.

Claims 17-26 (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) An artificial fingernail,  
characterized in that  
said artificial fingernail is coated with a nail varnish as defined in claim 1.

28. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 8, wherein said organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of toluene, n-propyl acetate, isopropyl acetate, isopropyl alcohol, ethyl acetate, ethanol, glycol ether, n-butyl acetate, methyl proposol acetate, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

30. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, wherein the solvent content is from 50% to 85% by weight, based on the total weight of the nail varnish.

31. (Previously Presented) The nail varnish as defined in claim 1, wherein the solvent content is from 50% to 75% by weight, based on the total weight of the nail varnish.